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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to be in the form as follows:

Claim 1 (previously presented): A method of copy protection of information stored on an information carrying medium to be read from a reading device and transmitted to an application device for playback and/or recording, wherein the reading device continuously derives and reports to the application device a first characteristic of the content of the information transmitted from the reading device to the application device, wherein the application device continuously derives and reports back to the reading device a second characteristic of the content of the information received by the application device, wherein the characteristics are verified by comparison of the first and second characteristics and wherein the result of the comparison is used to stop the transmission, playback and/or recording of information in case of a mismatch of the characteristics.

Claim 2 (original): A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that summaries of the transmitted and of the received information are used as characteristics.

Claim 3 (original): A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that summaries of selected parts of the transmitted and of the received information are used as characteristics.

Claim 4 (original): A method as claimed in claim 3, characterized in that the selection of the parts of information to be summarized is based on a secret shared between the reading device and the application device.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A method of copy protection of information stored on an information carrying medium to be read from a reading device and transmitted to an application device for playback and/or recording, wherein the reading device continuously derives and reports to the application device a first characteristic of the content of stored on the information carrying medium with the information transmitted from the reading device to the application device, wherein the application device continuously derives and reports back to the reading device a second characteristic of the content of the information received by the application device, wherein the characteristics are verified by comparison of the first and second characteristics and wherein